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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION.

Mr. LANSING. Mr. Chairman: I shall not attempt to read the report, as it has been placed in the hands of the members of the Society for their examination, in print.[1] The committee appreciates that their work is entirely tentative, and merely suggestive. It is their desire that every effort should be made by the members interested in this subject to offer suggestions as to any change in plan or as to the scope of the work of the committee. The committee hopes, at a later time, to present the report much more in full. The committee thinks it is the duty of every member of this Society to advance the work, and make it a success.

The committee desires that the President should be empowered to appoint sub-committees to deal with the various preliminary topics outlined, in case this report is received.

As I say, it is purely a tentative report, and therefore cannot be adopted in its present form.

Mr. BUTLER. I move that this report be received and placed on file, that the committee continue its work, and that the President of the Society be authorized to appoint sub-committees on the various subjects, from this committee, or from other members of the Society.

(The motion was seconded and agreed to.)

The CHAIRMAN. I am requested to announce that the Executive Council and Executive Committee meet in this room, immediately after adjournment.

Thereupon, the Society adjourned *sine die.*

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The annual banquet, held in the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Saturday evening, April 30, 1910, at seven o'clock, was well attended by members of the Society. Hon. Elihu Root, President of the Society, presided as toastmaster, and informal addresses were delivered by the following members:

[1] Printed, p. 197.